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SUBJ: HIGHJACKING THREAT TO U.S. AIR CARRIER

1. ASST. LOCAL MANAGER BRANIFF TOLD EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON THAT FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS SERVING LA PAZ, (BRANIFF, LUFTHANSA, AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS AND IBERIA) RECEIVED SIMILAR HANDWRITTEN NOTES ON ROUGH PAPER JANUARY 15 THREATENING HIJACKING OF AIRLINES' AIRCRAFT OR KIDNAPPING AIRLINE EXECUTIVE IF EACH DOES NOT HAND OVER US\$ 250,000 BY 1800 HOURS LA PAZ TIME JANUARY 16. PAYMENT SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERED TO SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH DOWNTOWN LA PAZ BY RED-CAPPED MESSENGER.

2. ASST. MANAGER BRANIFF SAID AIRLINES HAVE CONTACTED INTERIOR MINISTRY WHICH HAS TIGHTENED AIRPORT SECURITY. AIRLINE REPS DUE TO MEET WITH MINISTRY THIS AFTERNOON TO PLAN FURTHER STEPS. HE BELIEVES THAT AIRLINES NOT DISPOSED TO PAY ALTHOUGH HE HAD HEARD DOUBTFUL REPORT THAT IBERIA WILL.
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